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USCINCSO FOR POLAD

SUBJ: ALTMANN-BARBIE CASE

REF: LA PAZ 2877

1. FOLLOWING A JULY 24 BRIEFING BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE THE BOLIVIAN SUPREME COURT SET AUGUST 9 AS THE DATE FOR THE COURT'S CONSIDERATION OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S PETITION FOR EXTRADITION OF ALTMANN-BARBIE. THE PRESIDENT OF THE RECENTLY RECONSTITUTED SUPREME COURT STATED THAT AS THIS IS THE FIRST CASE OF THIS TYPE EVER CONSIDERED BY THE SUPREME COURT A VERY CAREFUL ANALYSIS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PRESTIGE OF THE JUDICIARY POWER.

2. IT APPEARS THAT AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF CONSIDERATION BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, AND AN INFERIOR COURT THE CASE WILL FINALLY BE TAKEN UP AND DECIDED BY THE SUPREME COURT. SIRACUSA

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